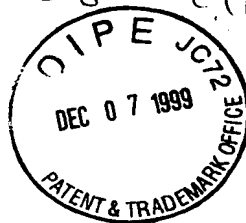


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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the art listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the

above-identified application. A copy of this art is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97(g) and (h), no representation is made that this art is material to patentability of the present application or that a search has been made.

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as an admission against interest in any manner, and shall not be construed as a representation that Applicants or Applicants' attorneys have personal knowledge of the contents of the listed art or any events surrounding the listed art.

The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449, as indicated. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner then return to the undersigned a copy of the initialed and completed Form PTO-1449 that indicates the enclosed references have been considered in their entirety.

No additional fees are believed to be required in connection with these filings. To the extent that any further fees, whatsoever, are required, including petition fees, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees, including any

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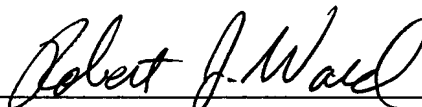
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Respectfully submitted,

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